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KASHMIR DEVELOPMENTS

I. Effect of UN Security Council call for Kashmir plebiscite:

A. [REDACTED]

B. [REDACTED]

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C. Menon threat conquer Pakistan, if Paks attack.

D. General bitterness, feeling of isolation: "Not even Russians stood by us!"

II. Pakistan gratified, at least for present.

A. [REDACTED]

III. In view strong reaction, believe India now country to watch.

A. Indians adamant against plebiscite--would probably lose it.

B. Some extremists would welcome war as chance absorb Pakistan.

IV. However, we believe India unlikely initiate hostilities.

A. Already controls best part of Kashmir.

B. Nonetheless, high tension makes future outburst possible:

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